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I just want to express my anger at the NAB for trying to silence XM's Traffic and weather, when traditional radio stations are unable to provide good coverage of this very important news. Without XM, the best chance I have of finding out about traffic problems in the Washington, DC area is to tune to WTOP and listen to about 10 minutes of commercials before hearing a brief traffic report that usually only covers the major roads in the "traditional" direction of rush hour. As a "reverse commuter" to the Dulles area, I rarely hear my traffic problems reported on the traditional radio stations. On XM radio, I tune to the Washington, DC traffic channel and I hear in depth traffic coverage. If I am in a traffic jam, and it is not mentioned, I call XM and within 3 cycles, my report is included over the air. If the NAB wants to compete in this area, they need to work on their product, not try to silence the competition.

This brings me to my next point, competition. I don't really consider there to be much competition between a free radio station that can be received in almost every car, and a pay station that requires a purchase of special equipment. XM is already at a huge disadvantage because of this, and if traditional radio stations feel they can't compete, maybe they should just shut down.

In summary, I am strongly opposed to NAB's petition 04-160, and I would like to continue to exercise my right to purchase and use any type of product that I like.

Thank You.

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